

SENATE BILL 727

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,  
Chapter 1, relative to application forms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 56-1-1\_\_.

(a) The commissioner shall promulgate rules to effect the development of a standardized employee application form that a small employer insurer shall use when a small employer applies for coverage under a group health benefit plan offered by the small employer insurer.

(b) The commissioner shall develop and implement the standardized form in consultation with the insurance companies offering for sale health care policies in this state.

(c) All small employer insurers offering for sale health care policies in this state shall utilize the standardized form when offering group health benefit plans to small employers.

(d) The commissioner shall promulgate the rules in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

(e) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Small employer" means an employer that employed an average of at least two (2) but not more than fifty (50) employees on business days during the preceding calendar year, or that is reasonably expected to employ an average of at least two (2) but not more than fifty (50) employees on business days during

the current calendar year if the employer was not in existence during the preceding calendar year, and that employs at least two (2) employees on the first day of the plan year; and

(2) "Small employer insurer" means an insurer that is authorized to do business in this state, in one (1) or more lines of insurance that includes health insurance, and that offers group health benefit plans covering eligible employees of one (1) or more small employers in this state, or that sells three (3) or more individual health benefit plans to a small employer, covering eligible employees of the small employer.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of promulgating rules and publishing forms, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.